

5

10

15

20





EPO - DG 1

New Page

02, 03, 2004

Claims

**(57)** 

- 1. A file (100), provided with at least a front cover (2), a back cover (3), a spine (4) and at least one arch for fastening paper and the like, coupling means (12) being provided for fastening the or each arch (13) to one of the covers (2, 3) or the spine (4) after it has been injection molded, said coupling means being (12) co-injection molded in the file, characterised in that the front cover (2), the back cover (3) and the spine (4) are manufactured in one piece, preferably by injection molding from plastic, hinges (5, 6) being co-formed for connecting the covers (2, 3) with the spine (4), and in that the coupling means (12) comprise clamping means (22), with which the or each arch (13) can be fixed to one of the covers (2, 3) and/or the spine (4).
  - 2. A file (100) according to claim 1, wherein the coupling means (12) at least comprise guide means (20) for sliding in the or each arch (13) with complementary second guide means (21), clamping means (22) being provided to fix the respective arch (13) in the guide means (20) when the respective arch (13) has been slid in completely.
- 3. A file (100) according to claim 1, wherein the arch (13) is co-injection molded in the file (100) with the coupling means (12) as insert.
- 4. A file according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least a part of the spine (4) is provided on the outside (11) with a surface that can be written on, which surface is provided by labeling.
- 5. A file according to claim 4, wherein said surface is provided by in-mold labeling.
- 6. A file according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the covers (2, 3) and/or the spine (4) are provided with stiffening ribs (7, 8), preferably at least on the sides thereof facing inward during use.







## New page 2

- A file according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least the 7. outsides of the covers (2, 3) are at least largely provided with texture by inmold labeling.
- A set of a cover (1), comprising at least a front cover (2), a back cover (3) 8. and a spine (4), interconnected by hinges (5, 6), wherein first coupling means 5 (12) are provided in the cover (1), which first coupling means (12) comprise clamping means (22), and at least one arch (13) for clamping paper and the like, the or each arch being provided with second coupling means (18), for cooperation with the first coupling means (12), in particular the clamping
- 10 means (22) thereof.
- A method for presenting files, wherein covers (1), each comprising a front 9. cover (2), a back cover (3) and a spine (4), interconnected by hinges (5, 6), in particular integrated hinges, are presented, which covers are provided with first coupling means (12), comprising clamping means (22), arches (13) further being presented, arranged to fix paper or the like, which arches (13) are 15 provided with second coupling means (18) for cooperation with the first coupling means (12), in particular the clamping means (22), the covers (1) and

arches (13) being presented apart from each other, such that a cover (1) and at

least one arch (13) can be combined to a file (100) directly before use. 20 A method according to claim 9, wherein the covers (1) are injection **10**. molded with integrated hinges (5, 6).